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Third-Term Discussion.

Representative Grosvenor in declaring for a third term for President McKinley suggests that George Washington declined to e a candidate after two presidential terms because he feared that he could not be reelected. Washington may have felt a reasonable apprehension, in spite of the assurances given to him of general support, that he could not again be chosen unanimously as at the first two presidential elections. But history does not suggest that, if Washington had been willing to enter into a struggle, he could by any possibility have failed of election. He was sure of the electoral votes which chose the New England Federalist, John Adams, as his successor, together with many other electoral votes which Adams could not secure.

If his own status in history entered into Washington's calculation among the considerations which caused the farewell address his thought was not of possible defeat at the polls, but of the real defeat and personal injury which victory as a mere partisan candidate would mean to him. He was the military creator of the republic, the father of his country. He had been its civil leader for eight years, all men and all parties consenting. His work was rounded and complete. Why should he er it is openly proclaimed by his friends or step down from the pedestal upon which not. his countrymen had unanimously placed him, and engage in a violent struggle to retain as the leader of a party an office which had become burdensome and which was held only in obedience to the will and in order to promote the welfare of the

Considerations somewhat similar to those which influenced Washington will prevent McKinley from thinking for an instant of a third term. His presidency has been notably successful. He has won popularity for himself and prosperity for the republic. His task is to so round out his presidential service as to stamp upon the historical estimate of William McKinley's administration the characteristics of ability, popularity and national prosperity. He is now making his place in history, not maneuvering for a place in deflance of tradition on the next presidential ticket. He was unanimously selected as his party's candidate for a second presidential term. He could not secure a unanimous vote as candidate for a third term; and in view of the effect of a third term nomination in a campaign which is to turn in part upon the antiimperialism issue, characterized by denunciations of Emperor McKinley as the despotic subverter of the Constitution and of republican principles and traditions, there would surely be popular opposition both to the nomination and to the election.

It may be assumed as a certainty that President McKinley has no aspirations in the direction of a third term and does not countenance the talk upon the subject. He is perfecting his record in history as one of the most capable, popular and successful of Presidents, during whose administra-West Indian and Asiatic territorial expansion safely accomplished, foreign trade wonderfully developed, sound money sustained in two fierce campaigns; an administration whose characteristic watchwords have been prosperity at home and prestige

There never was a President of greater political shrewdness and more consummate tact than William McKinley. He is the last man in the country to leave the proud and unassailable position which he has won and now occupies to chase through the political bog the third-term will-o'-the-

Congressmen and Cadets. Two members of Congress, one a Senator, have, it is reported, agreed to try to seconfronts the two congressmen and their A reappointment under the cires would be a challenge to the officials at the Academy, who would have ample warrant in refusing to consider such candidate. The popular opinion of the when they left the Academy a few weeks ago. To allow them to re-enter the ranks of the cadets or to appoint them to army good effect of the anti-hazing campaign and the effort to strengthen the influence of the Academy authorities. Congress has the power to prescribe regulations which will allow the cadets a wide license in their behavior. It may even specifically allow upper-classmen to haze the plebes, as a feature of the trying-out process. But this step should be taken, if at all, openly and specifically, with the houses assuming full responsibility for the departure. This power to legislate, however, gives individual congressmen no right to destroy the effect of the present rules by persistently appointing notorious rule-breakers or by supporting insubordinate cadets in their nisconduct. The fact that the power of cadet appointment lies with the members of the House gives them no individual authority to accomplish by indirection what the two houses acting in conjunction could only do by direct action. There is no danger whatever that Congress will ever formally break down the barriers at West Point which now prevent the cadet corps from becoming utterly demoralized, for public sentiment on this score is unmistakably opposed to cadet independence and in favor of strict subordination.

Washington is a naturally hospitable community, but it cannot help wishing that people from other parts of the country would refrain from making it a dumping ground for their scandals.

The Maryland Issue. We may expect the effort to hurry Mr. poses respecting the Maryland senatorship himself. His knowledge of the situation is probably as complete as that of any of every county, and it is the business of his life to hear and consider their reports and instruct them as to their duty. As he is for Gorman and they are also, it is a safe assumption that all phases of public sentiment within the state are noted and appraised as they may appear to affect the

propositions: (1) Mr. Gorman is exceedingly anxious to return to the Senate, and (2)

commonwealth. He could not, if he would, in the name of republican government conceal his ambition, and his pre-eminence among Maryland democrats is a matter of national recognition. He stands for and MONDAY June 10, 1901. manages the machine, and the party in its national endeavors is assured of his support no matter what it may do or leave undone. Bitterly opposed to Mr. Bryan. he has yet twice supported him for the port him again, if the Nebraskan's ma neuver for a third nomination succeeds.

> But, shrewd and "regular" and capable as he has shown himself to be. Mr. Gorman result of them. They seem to be as strong background this year, as Mr. McLean, with a kindred ambition, is seeking to do in Ohio? Why not appear to leave the senatorship open, and as a prize to be contended for by everybody with aspirations point ing in that direction? Mr. Gorman's supporters need not be misled, while there would be a chance of bringing his demo-

cratic opponents into line. But would such a scheme succeed? How could it in the light of very recent events? Mr. Gorman did not make his personality conspicuous in the race which resulted in the election of Governor Smith and a democratic legislature two years ago. His hand was at the helm, but he was modest in steering the ship. Nevertheless, when port was reached, it was soon apparent whose were to be the profits of the voyage Mr. Gorman asserted himself, and Governor Smith and the legislature yielded. A new election law was demanded in Mr Gorman's interests, and one was passed And so in the matter of the senatorship Will it signify, or should it, whether Mr German openly announces his candidacy for the Senate? As the party machinery is in the hands of his supporters and his ambition is known, would it be possible to without insuring his return to the Senate's Mr. Gorman is inevitably the issue, wheth-

Virginia Constitutional Convention.

The convention to draft a new constitution for the state of Virginia will meet at business. Its members are thoroughly rep resentative men, and some of them enjoy national reputations. They are charged with a very important duty, and all men will wish them success.

It is probably safe to say that if there had been no negro question there would have been no demand for a constitutional convention at this time. But there was such a question, and the people had grown tired of the means long employed to settle it in favor of what is called white supremacy. They had grown restive under oftrepeated accusations of cheating at the polls, and of rolling up democratic majorities in the black counties to overcome republican majorities in white countles. A proposition therefore to change the state constitution and formally deprive the negro of his suffrage was accepted with much favor. All but about a dozen members of the convention are democrats.

It is stated, however, that since the day of election a change of sentiment on this subject is observable among the people. This is voiced by such men as Gov. Tyler, and ex-Gov. O'Ferrall, and ex-Congressman Geo. D. Wise, all democrats and all exconfederates, who declare that in order to remedy election evils and purify the suffrage in the state it is not necessary to attack the negro, and thereby violate an amendment to the Constitution of the United States. They are opposed to any such measure, and Mr. Wise, who is a member of the convention, announces that

Equally vigorous, too, and maybe more divide the school fund of the state between the two races according to the amount paid by each. This would result in depriving the negro child of opportunity to acquire an education; and the best opinion now is that the state could not afford to take a step so foreign to the spirit of the age and so certain, in the long run, to be detrimental to her own interests. Senator Daniel leads the opposition to this proposition, and its defeat is thought to be as

There are other matters on the cards for attention, but the negro question, in the two features referred to, is the most important matter of all, and is likely to lead to the most interesting discussions. It should be settled upon lines of justice and fairness to all. Any other settlement will simply multiply the difficulties already existing. White supremacy in Virginia is not no sort of danger. And the best way to make it thoroughly effective for good is sistance to cadet disorder certain defeat to make it the instrument of protection and helpfulness for the weak, and of restraint upon the strong.

In a recent French duel it looked as if all the spectators were going to take sides and make the occasion a free fight. This would have been one of the cases in which

The Massachusetts college girl who stole from her companions has been declared insane. As she is well connected, young and remarkably good-looking, what were the examining physicians to do?

J. Pierpont Morgan is expected to interest himself in Argentine finances. It must become tiresome to Mr. Morgan to

A Hoboken man aged twenty-three who married a woman aged sixty-four took no chances on having to board while his wife went to cooking school to learn the rudiments of homemaking.

Mrs. Eddy employs architects, lawyers and editors whenever she has need of service in their lines of duty. Doctors are the only professional people that she considers really unnecessary.

Mr. Lawson will see that his yacht is kept before the public eye, and if any invidious comparisons are drawn he will not

Speaking of the law's delays, the return in the Molineux case recently filed in the court of appeals contains 3,405 printed

Public Opinion for Peace in Cuba. A hopeful note pervades the late dispatches from Havana regarding the prospects of the early adoption of the Platt amendment in the form desired by the United States. It is declared that a marked change of sentiment has been observable among the more radical delegates in the constitutional convention, the result of pressure of business interests anxious that the turmoil of political agitation and uncertainty should cease. There is reason for congratulating Cuba upon this state of affairs. The stability of a government is largely determined by the strength of the public sentiment in favor of tranquillity. The business interests of a nation are largely instrumental in creating such a demand. If the balance be thrown in favor of immediate adjustment in Cuba the island will doubtless readily settle down to the business of creating a stable government. The lessons which Cuba has learned through the years of Spanish misrule are evidently not to be wholly forgotten now.

An era of political exploitation, or greedy

would leave Cuba in a weakened state not alone as regards the finances of the nation but in the matter of the corrective force of public opinion.

It is obviously the wise course for the convention at Havana to hasten to adopt the Platt amendment in its specific terms. This government has left no doubt whatever as to its determination to make that declaration the base of future relations of the two governments, and delay in accepting the situation brings no advantage to

Perhaps the American stock brokers were little embarrassed by the sight of so much majesty, while the king was no less impressed by the proximity of so much ready money. It was assuredly an occasion of great mutual respect.

Every time Sarah Bernhardt launches a freak advertisement the public seizes the idea with an enthusiasm that takes her back to her girlhood days. It is no wonder Sarah does not grow old.

The government will never go so far as to assert that no man shall be considered a hero unless he can show an official

Wealth has made such strides in the past few years that a gift of less than a million dollars creates scarcely a ripple.

to have consented to appear with less than usual frequency this summer. Professor Herron's wedding also differed

The warmest day ever experienced seems

from the ordinary kind in not being a quiet

SHOOTING STARS.

What Hurt Him.

"I shall sue him for libel," said the man who is making large sums of money out of the credulity of the masses.

"He called me a common swindler. It's pretty hard for a man who has worked as hard as I have to be original to be referred to as 'common'"

Concerning "Whoppers." Why does it seem so very wrong When others "tell a whopper," And when you need one of your own. Why does it seem so proper?

"Aren't you ashamed to go away and ave your wife in tears?" asked the near

tal man; "that's the way she has a good time when she goes to the theater.'

Trying to Explain. "Josiar," said Mrs. Corntossel, "what is these neglijay shirts I see advertised in the bargain sales? "Well, they ain't quite so prim an'

cratchy as a b'iled shirt-that is to say, reg'lar hard-b'iled shirt. I reckon a neglijay is what you might call a softb'iled shirt."

Eternal Apprehension. "Do you regard this republic as being

on the brink of danger?" asked the friend. "Yes." answered the placid person, "and don't see any hope of moving it completely and permanently away. You see there is always going to be a few people worried about the country's future, owing to the fact that they are not holding of-

An Expected Chorister. We heed not the cadence of tremulous

Whose melody once seemed so sweet, . And the bird with his warbling-no longer

When June with its usual fantasie comes, And the scientist steps on the scene, We wait, while we're placidly twirling our thumbs. For the song of the flying machine.

Faraway from the crowd it will perch on

At the dawn or the close of the day, And shame all the songsters who once were

When it lets the calliope play. Each summer we're told that its note shall

be heard. And still we are waiting serene.

For that exquisite pleasure, so often de-

ferred. The song of the flying machine

A Narrow Policy.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer. Congress sometimes moves in a mys erious way in providing for government buildings at Washington. Usually it has been miserly, and in no case more so than recently, when it appropriated a ridicupartment of Justice. Representative Mercer has just made a protest against the general niggardliness of Congress, and it is hoped action by the next Congress will permit of the erection of a building commensurate with the importance and dignity of this branch of the government. Congress should be liberal with the District of Columbia, from whom it has taken

away self-government. Washington is althe world, and a proper policy will make it the finest in course of time. We all look upon our nation as one that will last indefinitely, yet Congress is apt to treat the District as if it were a temporary resting place for the Capitol. There is no desire for removal and no prospect of it, and it is the obvious duty of Congress to make the city worthy in all respects the grandeur

The trouble is that so many of the congressmen come for a short time to the Capitol and are more interested in the creeks must become tiresome to Mr. Morgan to be besieged by people desiring to add to his collection of riches.

and post office appropriations than in beautifying a city they can never expect to make a permanent residence. This is a

May His Tribe Increase. rom the Knoxville Sentinel.

If there were a few more sheriffs like ph Merrill of Carrollton, Ga., there would be no more lynchings. All that has been needed to stop the mob has been a determined man. Merrill is one of the few officers who has kept his oath of office. It does not make his act any the less noble because it saved for the time being the life of a black brute, who probably deserved a thousand deaths. It was unfortunate that in preventing a subversion of the law the blood of availant attents were the law the blood of excellent citizens was shed. But when a man joins a mob he puts himself outside the pale of civilization. He has become for the time being a savage. He has reverted to the barbaric stage. The difference between civilization and savagery is in the orderly conduct of communities in the former according to written laws established by civilization. written laws, established by citizens who are members of the community. This Georgia sheriff should have a monument erected in his honor. What he has done will no doubt be a lesson in all the counties of the south. When a mob knows that such a determined man is on guard it will be in no haste to dip its fingers in

The Swearing Habit.

From the Kansas City World. A great packing house concern in Chicago has made an order against the use of profanity by its employes. No excuse will be accepted in justification for the use of bad language, and dismissal is the penalty attached to an infraction of the order. But it is hardly to be expected that the order will result in the abolition of the swearing

Americans do not swear profanely, but as a vulgar habit. Men who are essentially vulgar, especially if they be also ignorant, will continue to find in the ready use of expletives a substitute for the deficiencies of the vocabulary at their command. Swearing is the safety valve of the indicated men. of the vocabulary at their command. Swearing is the safety valve of the irritated man, but as the uneducated masses of this country swear no profanity is involved—at least none is intended. But it is a vile habit, and if the Chicago packing house concern can stamp it out among their employes they will have accomplished a great deal in the Tharp's Berkeley Pure Rye-the family orders. he is easily the leading democrat of the office seeking, or administrative corruption foolish passion.

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